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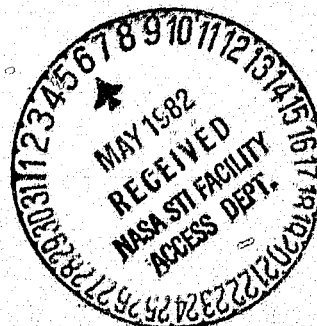
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## SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

The machine-readable cross identification catalogues (Warren 1978) have been prepared by extracting AGK3 and BD numbers from the magnetic tape version of the AGK3 Catalogue (Dieckvoss et al. 1975; see also Fresneau 1981).

After preparation of the AGK3-BD file, which contains all stars in the AGK3 catalogue, the file was sorted according to BD number and rearranged so that the BD number occurs at the beginning of each record. During the sorting operation, all AGK3 stars having no BD numbers were omitted. The BD-AGK3 file is especially useful for finding BD stars in the AGK3 catalogue, since precession has moved stars across declination boundaries and it often has been necessary to examine more than one AGK3 zone to locate (or prove the non-occurrence of) a BD star in the catalogue.

This document is intended to describe fully the contents of the cross index files so that users can read and process the tape without problems, guesswork, or consulting the parent catalogue. It should be distributed with any machine-readable versions of the files.

## SECTION 2 - TAPE CONTENTS

Byte-by-byte descriptions of the contents of the AGK3-BD and BD-AGK3 cross index files are given in Tables 1 and 2. The suggested format can be modified depending upon usage, but character (A) formats are recommended for BD designations because blank fields are present for them in some records of the AGK3-BD file. (Alternate specifications are given in parentheses).

Table 1. Tape Contents. AGK3-BD Cross Index

Byte(s)	Description	Suggested Format
1- 8	AGK3 number	
	1 sign	A1
	2- 3 zone	I2 (A2)
	4 blank	1X
	5- 8 number	I4 (A4)
9	Letter designation "a" or "b" when more than one AGK3 star has the same AGK3 number; otherwise blank	A1
10	Blank	1X
11-18	BD number	
	11 sign	A1
	12-13 zone	A2
	14 blank	1X
	15-18 number	A4
19-20	Component designations for multiple systems and BD supplemental stars: P, S, A, B, S1, S2, P1, P2, C.	A2

Note: Unfortunately, the BD supplemental stars, correctly identified by lower case letters, are not distinguished from the A and B designations for binary components. This is because no distinction is made in the AGK3 Catalogue itself, from which the cross index was prepared. Although it would not be difficult to identify BD supplemental stars and change the appropriate designations to lower case, the AGK3 itself would need to be redesigned, since the component designations are numerically coded on the AGK3 tape. The tape format only allows 1 byte for the code, and there are already 9 codes for components. If it is necessary to distinguish or identify supplemental stars, the Catalog of BD Supplemental Stars (Warren 1980; Warren and Kress 1980) should be consulted.

Table 2. Tape Contents. BD-AGK3 Cross Index

Byte(s)	Description	Suggested Format
1- 8	BD number	
	1 sign	A1
	2- 3 zone	A2
	4 blank	1X
	5- 8 number	A4
9-10	Component designations for multiple systems and BD supplementary stars: P, S, A, B, S1, S2, P1, P2, C.	
11-18	AGK3 number	
	11 sign	A1
	12-13 zone	I2 (A2)
	14 blank	1X
	15-18 number	I4 (A4)
19	Letter designation "a" or "b" when more than one AGK3 star has the same number; otherwise blank.	A1

The letter designations "a" and "b" for multiple AGK3 stars are coded on the tape as lower case letters so that they will print correctly on extended chain printers. When processed to upper case only printers, the letters should print as their equivalents in upper case.

### SECTION 3 - TAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Table 3 contains sufficient information to enable a user to read the magnetic tape files of AGK3-BD and BD-AGK3 catalogues. Information for both files is given. Parameters which are easily varied from installation to installation, such as block size (physical record length), blocking factor (number of logical records per physical record), total number of blocks, tape density, and coding (EBCDIC, ASCII) are not included, but they should always be supplied with tape copies of the catalogues.

Table 3. Tape Characteristics. AGK3-BD, BD-AGK3 Cross Index Catalogues.

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NUMBER OF FILES .....	2
LOGICAL RECORD LENGTH .....	20, 20
RECORD FORMAT .....	FB
NUMBER OF LOGICAL RECORDS .....	183145, 179438

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Numbers separated by commas refer to the AGK3-BD and BD-AGK3 catalogues, respectively. Logical record lengths are given in bytes (characters).



#### SECTION 4 - REMARKS AND REFERENCES

As mentioned following Table 2, the letter designations for multiple AGK3 stars (>1 star with the same AGK3 number) have been coded on the tape as lower case characters (a = punch code 12-0-1, b = 12-0-2) to conform to the published catalogue. It may be necessary to convert these characters at installations not supporting lower case. Many printers will print the lower case characters as their upper case equivalents.

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## SECTION 5 - SAMPLE LISTING

The sample listing presented on the following pages contains logical data records exactly as they are recorded on the tape files. The beginning of each record and the bytes within that record are indicated by the column heading index across the top of each page (digits read vertically).





# LISTING OF RECORDS FROM TAPE FILE

TAPE FILE NAME: BD-AGK3 CROSS INDEX

RECORDS 1 TO 30

TAPE FILE 6

RECORD LENGTH 20 BYTES

INPUT VOLSER WTS010

C O L U M N  
H E A D I N G  
I N D E X

1111111111222222222233333333334444445555556666667777777888888999999000000000111111  
1234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345

RECORD	1	+89 0001	+89 0021
RECORD	2	+89 0002	+89 0005
RECORD	3	+89 0003	+89 0015
RECORD	4	+89 0004	+89 0013
RECORD	5	+89 0005	+89 0009
RECORD	6	+89 0006	+89 0008
RECORD	7	+89 0007	+89 0011
RECORD	8	+89 0008	+89 0014
RECORD	9	+89 0009	+89 0016
RECORD	10	+89 0010	+88 0044
RECORD	11	+89 0011	+88 0045
RECORD	12	+89 0012	+89 0017
RECORD	13	+89 0013	+88 0048
RECORD	14	+89 0014	+88 0051
RECORD	15	+89 0015	+88 0052
RECORD	16	+89 0016	+89 0019
RECORD	17	+89 0017	+89 0020
RECORD	18	+89 0018	+89 0022
RECORD	19	+89 0020	+88 0066
RECORD	20	+89 0021S	+88 0069
RECORD	21	+89 0022	+88 0071
RECORD	22	+89 0023	+89 0026
RECORD	23	+89 0025	+89 0031
RECORD	24	+89 0026	+89 0023
RECORD	25	+89 0027	+88 0030
RECORD	26	+89 0028	+89 0039
RECORD	27	+89 0029	+89 0035
RECORD	28	+89 0030	+89 0044
RECORD	29	+89 0031	+89 0078
RECORD	30	+89 0032	+89 0046

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OF POOR QUALITY

1987 1988 1989

CHIL  
OEN  
LAD  
UD  
HIL  
MM  
3

RECORDS 179409 TO 179438

RECORD LENGTH 20 BYTES

INPUT VOLSER HTS010

CHIL  
OEN  
LAD  
UD  
HIL  
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3

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RECORD	179413	-02	5999	-01	2856
RECORD	179414	-02	6000	-01	2857
RECORD	179415	-02	6012	-01	2863
RECORD	179416	-02	6013	-02	1244
RECORD	179417	-02	6014	-01	2864
RECORD	179418	-02	6019	-01	2866
RECORD	179419	-02	6021	-01	2868
RECORD	179420	-02	6023	-01	2869
RECORD	179421	-02	6024	-01	2870
RECORD	179422	-02	6034	-01	2973
RECORD	179423	-02	6037	-01	2874
RECORD	179424	-02	6043	-01	2878
RECORD	179425	-02	6052	-01	2882
RECORD	179425	-02	6056	-01	2883
RECORD	179427	-02	6057	-01	2884
RECORD	179428	-02	6060	-01	2885
RECORD	179429	-02	6068	-01	2889
RECORD	179430	-02	6071	-02	1246
RECORD	179431	-02	6073	-01	2891
RECORD	179432	-02	6078	-01	2892
RECORD	179433	-02	6082	-01	0002
RECORD	179434	-02	6090	-02	0001
RECORD	179435	-02	6091	-02	0002
RECORD	179436	-02	6093	-01	0004
RECORD	179437	-02	6094	-02	0003
RECORD	179438	-02	6099	-00	0006